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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4610

AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 3702

STATE FOR TREASURY AND SCA

PANAMA FOR LEGAL ATTACHE AND RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CPRS, CS

SUBJECT: ALLEGED FORGED SIGNATURES ON U.S. GOVERNMENT CHECKS

1. EMBASSY INFORMED AFTERNOON OF JULY 27 THAT U.S. TREASURY CHECK FOR RETIRE U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WAS DEPOSITED TO ACCOUNT OF RECENTLY FIRED LOCAL EMPLOYEE THROUGH FORGED SIGNATURE. RETIREE CONFIRMS THAT SIGNATURE WAS FORGED.
2. LOCAL BANK HAS JUST CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT SEVERAL OTHER TREASURY CHECKS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS AND INCOME TAX REFUNDS WERE ALSO DEPOSITED TO SAME BANK ACCOUNT OF LOCAL EMPLOYEE. WE ARE NOW CHECKING SIGNATURES TO SEE IF THEY ARE FORGERIES, BUT REASONABLE ASSUMPTION IS THEY ARE FORGED.
3. TOTAL AMOUNT OF PROBABLY FORGED TREASURY CHECKS KNOWN AT THIS TIME AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY \$8,000. SOME OF THIS MONEY IS APPARENTLY STILL IN LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT. EMBASSY WILL REQUIRE COURT ORDER TO FREEZE ASSETS IN ACCOUNT.

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4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AND IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY

TO ENGAGE LOCAL ATTORNEY (IF POSSIBLE FROM OUR LAWYERS'
LIST) TO ACT FOR US.
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